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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

WATERFRONT PARKING PERMITS

2011 permits are available at all Waterfront parking lots, except on Stearns Wharf. For parking permit details, contact Waterfront Parking Services at 897-1965.

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AGREEMENT REACHED ON POLICE SALARY AND BENEFIT CONCESSIONS

The City and the Police Officers Association (POA) reached a three-year agreement on salary and benefit concessions. The agreement will generate a significant cost savings to the City's General Fund, amounting to approximately \$945,000 in Fiscal Year 2011 and \$780,000 in Fiscal Year 2012, equivalent to a 5% and 4% salary reduction in each year, respectively. The police officers joined managers, supervisors,

general employees, and firefighters in reducing salaries and benefits to help address the City's \$9 million budget shortfall this year. As a result of overall labor concessions, the City Council balanced this year's budget and added funding for four police officer positions and one fire captain position, in addition to restoring numerous budget cuts affecting all departments.

MILPAS STREET CORRIDOR ADOPTED BY SANTA BARBARA ARTS ALLIANCE YOUTH

As a good example of how youth in the community are working to improve their neighborhoods, the Santa Barbara Arts Alliance youth have adopted the Milpas Street corridor from Canon Perdido Street to Cabrillo Boulevard through the Adopt-A-Block Program. The youth are primarily

conducting graffiti abatement along Milpas Street. A schedule will be available in January to show when bi-weekly walk-throughs will be conducted to address graffiti issues. For further information, call the Franklin Neighborhood Center at 963-7605.



FREE RAIN-SHUTOFF SENSORS AVAILABLE

'Tis the season for rain. To avoid leaving your sprinklers on when it's raining, get a free rain-shutoff sensor from the City's Water Conservation Program. City residents can call 564-5460 to schedule a free water checkup to receive a rain-shutoff sensor.

A rain-shutoff sensor is an irrigation shutoff device that prevents an automatic sprinkler system from turning on during and after a rain storm. These devices override a scheduled irrigation when a sensor on the shutoff device detects water. When the collected rainwater has evaporated from the device, scheduled irrigations resume.

For more details and information, call 564-5460 or visit www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water.

EXERCISE... ENERGIZE... SOCIALIZE

Santa Barbara's Parks and Recreation Department has hundreds of fun, healthy and affordable activities for you and your family to enjoy this winter. To get you started, visit our website at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov and fill out the raffle entry form, bring it to your first class any time between January and March to be entered to win \$100 toward recreation classes, swim or tennis passes or facility rentals. For program details and registration, check out our online Activity Guide and "eRecreation". Visit us online at www.sbparksandrecreation.com or call 897-2519.

CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED AT DOWNTOWN PARKING LOTS AND GARAGES



The City is now accepting credit cards at downtown parking lots and garages. Using a credit card upon exiting allows motorists an easy payment option and gives parking attendants the ability to quickly and easily complete transactions. No more waiting in line to exit because someone didn't have the cash to pay their fee!

LIBRARY WINS AWARD FOR DÍA FESTIVAL

The Santa Barbara Public Library was selected as one of three winners of the 2010 Estela and Raul Mora Award for the most exemplary programs celebrating El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Day of the Book/Day of the Child). The award recognizes community programs that exhibit a daily commitment to link children to books, languages, and cultures. With financial support from the Santa Barbara Junior League, the Community Action Commission, and the California State Library, the Library's day-long Día literacy festival last year featured readings and presentations by authors, craft and activity tables. Over 900 children and families attended Día, and 50 new library cards were issued.





